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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of certain chemical compounds. In particular, the present invention relates to a method for the preparation of compounds that have been shown to activate human peroxisome proliferator activated receptors ("hPPARs"). The present invention also relates to certain chemical compounds useful as intermediates in the preparation of hPPAR active compounds.